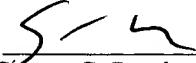




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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Attorney Docket		
Application Serial Number:		Filing Date:		Examiner:		Group Art Unit:
09/903,307		July 11, 2001		Lam S. Nguyen		2853
Invention: STAGE ASSEMBLY HAVING A FOLLOWER ASSEMBLY						
TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENT AND TRADEMARKS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	75	MINUS	75	0	\$18	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	5	0	\$88	\$0
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of _____ to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of: <input type="checkbox"/> one month (\$110) <input type="checkbox"/> three months (\$980) <input type="checkbox"/> two months (\$430) <input type="checkbox"/> four months (\$1,530)</p>						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.</p>						
<p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$_____ [which includes \$_____ for the _____] is enclosed.</p>						
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1141, pertaining to 1) any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims; 2) any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.</p>						
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional extension of time required for the timely submission of this paper, the fees for which have not been previously paid, is hereby petitioned for and requested.</p>						
<u>12-7-04</u> Date		 Steven G. Roeder, Reg. No. 37,227				
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

This amendment and response is to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 1, 2004.

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